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We heartily thank the public for their very generous patronage and will make a greater effort to deserve future business. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year, we are

Yours very truly,

*The Kelley Jewelry Co.*

## DEATHS

MRS. E. S. LEACH died at her home in Burkburnett, Texas, Christmas evening, making the day a sad one to the husband, four children and numerous friends of the family.

Dr. and Mrs. Leach moved from here about three months ago in the hope that the southern climate would benefit her health. But Mrs. Leach continued to grow worse, especially so after the birth of a daughter on Nov. 12th.

Mrs. Leach was a daughter of Andrew Olson, deceased, and was married to the surviving husband in 1894. Four children also survive. Griffin Olson a brother is the only surviving member of the family. She died of consumption aged 36 years.

She was a splendid Christian lady, a kind and loving wife and mother, and her death is a blow to her family that only consolation from above can overcome.

Funeral services were held at the Odell Ave. Presbyterian church Monday afternoon conducted by Dr. W. H. Black, after which her remains were laid to rest in Ridge Park cemetery. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

REV. WM. M. BELL died at his home in Miami Sunday evening after a long illness at the age of 83 years. He was born in Richmond county, Va., July 23, 1825, in 1844 he was married to Miss Mary N. McDaniel, daughter of Judge R. E. McDaniel, who survives him, but is seriously ill. He is also survived by four sons, six daughters—Thos. E. Bell, Salis, Miss, Dr. W. M. Bell, Phcenix, Ariz., Robt. E. Bell, Berkeley, Cal., C. L. Bell, Marshall. Mrs. Bettie Latimer, Marshall, Mrs. D. M. Vaughn, Mrs. M. F. Hawkins, Misses Flora and Lillie of Miami; Mrs. T. G. Sutton, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Rev. Bell was ordained a Baptist minister in 1850 and ever since has been a prominent member of the Saline Baptist Association and the Baptist work in this county until several years ago when he was compelled to retire on account of his failing health.

He served Good Hope church north of Gilliam 34 years, and Fish Creek church 4 years. He served Bethel, Union, Miami, Arrow Rock and other churches in this county.

He was an earnest Christian and successful pastor and no doubt Saline's large Baptist membership is largely due to his efforts.

His funeral occurred at Miami at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

CAPT. W. L. CORUM, who had been making his home with his daughter Mrs. F. M. Hutson of south of Shackelford, died on Sunday, Dec. 27th, while on a visit to his nephew, Charles Neal, at Otterville, Cooper county, suddenly of heart trouble.

Capt. Corum was a member of

the Mt. Olive C. P. church of which he was a ruling elder 38 years.

During the war he was captain of the Home Guards until captured in Prices raid. He also represented Saline two terms in the state legislature. He was a member of the committee that framed Missouri's school laws, which he said were patterned after those of Ohio.

His remains were laid to rest Wednesday beside his wife at Mt. Olive who preceded him 20 years.

He leaves a brother, Simeon, at Los Angeles, Cal., and two daughters, Mrs. Marion Hutson, of Shackelford and Mrs. R. L. Pulliam of Muskogee, Okla.

## Mrs. Francis Portwood

Christmas was a sad day to a number of our people this year, but it was made especially so for Wm. Portwood and daughters by the loss of the wife and mother by death on the day before.

Mrs. Francis Portwood died at 10 a. m. on December 24th, of acute indigestion, after a two weeks illness, aged 65 years, less one day. She was born in George town, Kentucky, on Dec. 24th, 1843, and was married to Mr. Portwood on Dec. 25th, 1872. She was a life-long member of the Baptist church and lived a conscientious, Christian life. She came here from Clay county with her husband twenty years ago.

Mrs. Portwood is survived by her husband and two daughters—Mary and Sarah, both at home. Her funeral occurred at the Baptist church Saturday at 10 a. m. conducted by Rev. J. Q. Partee, her pastor. After the services her remains were laid to rest in Ridge Park cemetery. Arthur Hupp, J. E. McAmis, John T. Rhoades, Frank Taylor, L. C. Gaunt and L. Leonard acted as pall bearers.

To the grief-stricken husband and daughters we extend heartfelt sympathy.

JOHN BRANDECKER an old and wealthy citizen of Marshall, died at his home a block west of the court house, Monday Dec. 28 aged 84 years. He had been sick for a number of years.

Mr. Brandecker was a prominent Catholic and lived a consistent Christian life. He was a splendid unassuming citizen.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Wednesday at 9:30 conducted by Father O'Neill.

MELISSA PAXTON, col., died at her home in the western part of Marshall Tuesday of pneumonia, after a short illness. Her funeral occurred yesterday afternoon. Her husband, Thos. Paxton, died last spring.

NOTICE—I will have a sale of personal property during the latter part of February and I will place on sale 25 cows, heifers and calves, 20 horses and mules, besides many other items.

E. A. Mitchell, Marshall.

## A Letter From The Navy

### Saline County Boy has Interesting Experience

Dear Friends—

No doubt you will like to hear of my first long trip at sea since my enlistment in the navy.

This is my log consisting of the main events of the cruise to Honolulu and Samoa on the Torpedo Boat Destroyer "Perry."

We were accompanied by six other torpedo boats and the same number of big cruisers.

The object of the trip was to find out if the smaller craft could be successfully towed long distances by the cruisers therefore saving much coal and making it possible for them to go to foreign countries in case of war, which otherwise they would be unable to do on account of the small amount of coal carried.

We left San Francisco August 24th and were leaving the Golden Gate and the Farallone Islands far astern on our 2100 mile trip to Honolulu.

The first three days were certainly fierce. Our course was so directed as to bring us right in the trough of the heavy seas that were running mountain high and the stiff northeastern breeze helped to buffet us around like a cork, from then on it was one continual round of rolling until we were safely moored in the beautiful harbor of Honolulu.

I must add that we were all pretty well discouraged and sea sick most of the time but when shore liberty was granted and we had, using the sailor phrase, "hit the beach once more our buoyant spirits returned."

There was lots of sights and so forth to see in our ten days stop there and it was with regret that we said good-bye to our new friends who had shown every possible consideration.

The next trip to Pango Pango Samoa Island, was very unlike the first one, the weather was fine and the water smooth as glass. After the fourth day out all of the recruits were getting prepared to be initiated in the mysterious realm of "Rex." This has always been a custom on all ships of the navy and in some merchant ships.

The initiation comes off when the ships cross the imaginary equator line.

A big canvas tank is rigged up and filled with water and right above it a sort of platform on which the one to go through the ordeal is sit. First his face is thoroughly lathered with a mixture of oil, soap, grease, flour and paste, he is then shaved with a big wooden razor and dumped in the tank where he gets a good ducking before getting out.

The Neptune's party consists of eight or ten of the fellows who have "been there before" they are all dressed up in clothes supposed to represent the inhabitants of the deep. From then on nothing of any great importance happened until we anchored in the land locked harbor of Pango Pango surrounded by tall mountains heavily wooded with dense tropical vegetation.

We were greeted on all sides by the natives, big strapping men wearing nothing but a so called lava lava from the waist to the knees and a broad friendly smile.

They made our stay there even more interesting than in the former place. We were entertained every day there by war dances, songs and canoe races pulled against the different tribes, who would come in from around the island all decorated up and with

war clubs etc., to to sell or bargain off.

This island is owned by America and under their protection and the natives seem very pleased to have such a strong hand to help them along. For the last seven or eight years a gun boat has been stationed there and now the natives have a band composed of the ones that learned the fastest.

They also have a guard, the soldiers are enlisted the same as in the States and receive the same pay but what a difference in the uniform, theirs consists of a red turban-like hat and a square piece of red and black cloth around the waist. They also have learned the national game, base ball, our team on the "Perry" played them and nearly got beat, which fortunately they did not for they would have never heard the last of it from the rest of the fleet.

We took a trip around the island one day taking a board of officers looking for a good site to build a fort.

Every few miles we would come to deserted villages which the natives had left believing them to be haunted. They were surrounded by hundreds of coco-palms laden down with coco-nuts. That and fish comprises their main diet.

After a visit of 16 days we were again anchored and started for Honolulu, again arriving here on schedule time after a fine trip. Most of our second stop here was put in coaling and taking on stores for a months stay in Magdalena Bay, Mexico where we now are busy with our yearly target practice.

The towing did not prove a success altogether as the torpedo boats were continually breaking away with the exception of the good ship "Perry" which stuck it out the whole trip of 9200 miles.

After we get back to the States we will all get a ten days furlough to visit our homes and get a long rest and spend our Xmas holidays. San Diego is our winter home, has always been and we all feel like home whenever there.

Sincerely,

JACOB MULL.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Hockaday, Slater.  
Fannie Logan New Frankfurt  
Miles Vardeman, Marshall.  
Mary Harris, Marshall.  
Jesse H. Pursley, Sedalia.  
Mary Custer, Speed.  
Henry Morris Arrow Rock.  
Ethel Elliott, Boonville.  
Willie E. Hansbro, Houstonla.  
Pearl Killion, Sweet Springs.  
James Long, Lamine.  
Laura Rea, Lamine.  
Gilbert Williams, Mt. Leonard.  
Bertha Stevenson, Sweet Springs.  
Forest T. Doak, Corder.  
Janie M. Holman, Corder.  
Ralph Dalton, Gilliam.  
Alice Brown, Gilliam.  
Walter Cook, col., Slater.  
Belle Tennel col., Slater.  
Asa E. Blair, Kansas City Mo.  
Mrs. Nancy E. Campbell, Marshall.  
Harry T. Cross, Marshall.  
Mrs. Lillie Hayes, Marshall.

## Caught the Burglars.

Five negroes were arrested in Kansas City Saturday charged with the burglary of Murphy-Mills store here last week. A lot of goods were recovered in pawn shops that were stolen here and at Higginsville.

G. A. Thomas was here from near Napton Thursday of last week. He says he recently returned from a trip to Dallas and Polk county, where he purchased 72 head of cattle.

## 100,000 Killed by Earthquake.

### One of the Worst Disasters of Recent Years, Monday.

An earthquake in Southern Italy, and the island of Sicily Monday morning caused untold loss of life and property. The latest meager reports indicate it will prove the greatest disaster of modern times.

All communication with that portion of Italy has been interrupted and the railway lines are blocked with great landslides. It is impossible to give any sort of estimate of the loss of life but from reports the death list will be large.

The ruin is so complete and broadcast that it will be many days before its scope is fully known. All communication has been destroyed throughout Eastern Sicily, where the damage is the greatest, and the only definite information received by the government is by wireless.

The loss of life is estimated at between one and two hundred thousand people. It is safe to say that about one hundred thousand were killed.

A second earthquake occurred Wednesday killing thousands who were making an attempt at rescue.

## Among Our Subscribers.

The following have renewed or are new subscribers this week.

Steve Stewart, Marshall.  
J. L. Jones, Weaubleau.  
A. B. Court, Mt. Leonard.  
E. D. Terrell, Marshall.  
J. T. Potter, Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. J. C. Harland, Fontana, Kas.  
Obed Noble, Marshall.  
J. M. Hanna, Marshall, 2 years.  
\*Abraham Davis, Gilliam.  
J. M. Gabb, Gilliam.  
Fred Windmeyer, Arrow Rock.  
Henry Franz, Mt. Leonard.  
Aug. Schlapper, Malta Bend.  
\*Wm. Steinmetz, California, Mo.  
\*M. K. Sayers, Nebo, Ill.  
Wm. Bailey, Slater, Mo.  
Manuel Wittup, Marshall.  
Ben Colder, Marshall.  
\*Mrs. Martin Schwab, Glasgow.  
Simon Dow, Malta Bend.  
Doc Ramey, Miami.  
G. H. Jett, Miami.  
J. T. Bishop, Marshall.  
J. T. Vaughn, Miami.  
Dekey Pearson, Miami.  
J. L. Wilson, Miami.  
Robt. Harris, Miami.  
Luther Colder, Quindaro, Kas.  
John Schmitt, Slater.  
J. A. Velten, Gilliam.  
J. F. Bell, Marshall.  
\*Ben Larman, Slater.  
Jos. Sellmeyer, Gilliam.  
P. Peaverler, Marshall.  
Joe Hinton, Bakersfield, Cal.  
W. C. King, Mt. Leonard.  
J. G. Allen, Marshall.

\*Frank Van Winkle, Garden City  
\*Mrs. Kirk McDaniels, Fairfax.  
\*Mrs. O. Christianson, Fairfax.  
G. A. Thomas, Napton.  
New subscribers.

W. A. S. Hyland was here from Norton Thursday and ordered several subscriptions to the Republican as Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Jesse Van Winkle sent the Republican Thursday to Frank Van Winkle of Garden City Kas. as a Christmas present.

Ben Larman of Slater was here Monday and ordered the Republican. Mr. Larman now has a good position on the C. & A., a good county paper and the next in order is a life's partner—keep your eye on him!

J. A. Velten of Gilliam had legal business here Tuesday and made our office a substantial visit.

The editor spent a pleasant day at Miami Saturday. The large list of renewals shows we were treated royally. On our re-

turn home we met Doc Ramey who surprised us with a liberal portion of the world's goods. He says he has again regained his health and is once more enjoying life we are pleased to say.

L. H. Jett of Slater was among those who renewed at Miami Saturday. He says not to write him up too severely so we dodge the issue by turning the job over to the "Widow Cornatasse" to do him up brown in her next effort.

## Herndon Telephone System

The Herndon Telephone Company has opened its exchange in Marshall in the Martin block and placed Albert Wright in charge. The company was organized about a year ago by the citizens of Herndon in order to secure a service to our city. The company has sixty stockholders. Each owns one share at \$50 and thereby owns his own phone and pays only for maintenance—about 25c a month. No phones are being leased at present, but more stockholders will be welcomed.

The company has made connections with the Malta Bend, Miami, and Sweet Springs systems and the subscribers have free service to Miami, Fairville, Mt. Leonard, Blackburn, Waverly, Grand Pass, Sharon Herndon, and pay only 10c for Sweet Springs connection.

The company has forty miles of its own lines and is making arrangements for connections to the east of Marshall as well as long-distance.

## Church News.

The pastor, Rev. E. O. Smith, will preach at the First M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject "Gods Message In Music." Evening subject "It Is Winter."

Rev. A. J. Baker will preach for the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation at I. O. O. F. hall next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor as usual.

A revival meeting will begin at Norton M. E. Church, Sunday night Jan. 3d 1909. The song service will begin promptly at 7 o'clock every evening during these meetings. Preaching at 7:30. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Z. T. Orr. Monday and Tuesday nights Rev. E. O. Smith will preach. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be filled by able ministers. Saturday night Miss Pike, deaconess from Kansas City will take charge of the meeting for 8 or 10 days. Everybody cordially invited to come and take part in these meetings.

Rev. H. J. Steinheimer.

## The Ruff Hotel.

The elegant new Ruff hotel was opened with appropriate functions Monday and Tuesday evenings. On the first evening the hotel was thrown open to our citizens for inspection. Yawter's orchestra added to the pleasures of the occasion.

Tuesday evening the business men of Marshall gave a banquet in honor of Col. R. B. Ruff the proprietor and C. W. Adams, manager. The affair was a grand one and much enjoyed. Col. Ruff was presented with a beautiful watch. Job in appreciation of his service to our city in fitting up the hotel and Mr. Adams was given a fine clock.

The hotel is a credit to our city and we wish the management much success.

A. W. Clough went to Higginsville Monday. He was all "spruced up" and wouldn't deny that there would be a wedding before his return.